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Claims

| 1. A method for selecting multiple sets of data in an application, comprising the |
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| steps of: |
| selecting a first set of data within the application; and |

selecting a second set of data within the application, wherein the first set of data remains selected during the selection of the second set of data.

- 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of performing a predetermined keystroke after the first selecting step, wherein the selected keystroke allows the first set of data to remain selected during the selection of the second set of data.
- 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 simultaneously copying the selected sets of data; and
 simultaneously pasting the copied sets of data to a predetermined area.
- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of selecting a first portion of one of the selected sets of data.

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| 5. | The method | of claim 4, | further | comprising | the steps | of |
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selecting a second portion of the selected set of data, wherein the first portion remains selected during the selection of the second portion based upon a predetermined keystroke; and

manipulating the selected portions.

- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the first set of data and the second set of data are non-contiguous.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is text.
- 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of de-selecting a selected set of data.

| 9. A method for selecting multiple sets of data in an application, comprising the | | |
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| steps of: | | |
| providing an application for manipulating data; | | |
| selecting a first set of data within the application; | | |
| performing a first predetermined keystroke; and | | |
| selecting a second set of data within the application, wherein the first set | | |
| of data remains selected during the selection of the second set of data. | | |
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10. The method of claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a first portion of one of the selected sets of data;

performing a second predetermined keystroke; and

selecting a second portion of the selected set of data, wherein the first

portion remains selected during the selection of the second portion based upon the

- 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of pasting the selected sets of data to a predetermined area.
- 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of manipulating the selection portions in the predetermined area.

second predetermined keystroke.

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- 13. The method of claim 9, wherein the first set of data and the second set of data are non-contiguous.
- 14. The method of claim 9, wherein the data is text.
- 15. The method of claim 9, wherein the application is for writing computer code.
- 16. The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of de-selecting a selected set of data.

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| 1 | 17. A method for selecting multiple sets of data in an application, comprising the |
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| 2 | steps of: |
| 3 | providing an application for writing computer code; |
| 4 | selecting a first set of data within the application; |
| 5 | performing a predetermined keystroke; |
| 6 | selecting a second set of data within the application after selecting the |
| 7 | keystroke, wherein the first set of data remains selected during the selection of the |
| 8 | second set of data based upon the keystroke; |
| 9 | selecting a portion of one of the selected sets of data; |
| | pasting the selected sets of data to a predetermined area; and |
| | manipulating the selected portion after the pasting step. |
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| | 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of copying the selected |
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| The state of the s | 19. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of cutting the selected |
| 2 | sets of data, prior to the pasting step. |
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| 21. A program product stored on a recordable medium for selecting multiple set | S |
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| of data in an application, which when executed, comprises: | |

program code configured to select a first set of data and a second set of data within the application, wherein the first set of data remains selected during the selection of the second set of data based upon a predetermined keystroke; and program code configured to select a portion of one of the selected sets of data.

22. The program product of claim 21, wherein the application is an application for writing computer code and comprises:

program code configured to copy the selected sets of data;
program code configured to cut the selected sets of data;
program code configured to paste the selected sets of data;
program code configured to de-select a selected set of data; and
program code configured to manipulate the selected portion.

| 23. A system for selecting multiple sets of data in an application, comprising: |
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| a set selection system for selecting a first set of data and a second set of |
| data within the application, wherein the first set of data remains selected during |
| the selection of the second set of data based upon a predetermined keystroke; and |
| a portion selection system for selecting a portion of one of the selected sets |
| of data |

- 24. The system of claim 23, further comprising a manipulation system for manipulating the selected portion.
- . The system of claim 23, further comprising:
 - a copy system for copying the selected sets of data;
 a cutting system for cutting the selected sets of data;
 a pasting system for pasting the selected sets of data; and
 an undo system for de-selecting a selected set of data.
- 26. The system of claim 25, wherein the undo system allows a user to de-select a selected portion.